Institutional mechanism to implement Commission's report on riots

1750. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the opinion expressed by Justice B.N. Srikrishna, the author of the Commission report that enquired into the Mumbai communal riots that there is need for an institutional mechanism which ensures that Government of the day does not have the discretion to reject a report if it finds ''inconvenient''; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the news report titled 'Ensure no Government can reject inconvenient report:Srikrishna' that appeared in the English daily, the Indian Express on 6.6.2007.

The State Government of Maharashtra, which is the appropriate Government under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, tabled the Srikrishna Commission's report along with the Action Taken Report in both the Houses of State Legislature on 6.8.1998 in terms of Section 3(4) of the aforesaid Act.

Policy to tackle Naxal problem

1751. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of districts are already in the grip of Naxal groups;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many security persons have been killed during the last two months by Naxals in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy to tackle Naxal problem which has resulted in the killing of several hundred innocent people; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) There are 91 districts in 11 States from where incidents of naxalite violence have been reported in 2006. However, incidence of violence varies widely, and is mainly confined to some pockets of some of the States. Areas falling in 395 Police Stations in 11 States were affected by naxalite violence in 2006, which is 4.65 per cent of the total number of Police Stations (8488) in these States.

Security personnel killed during the last two months by naxalites in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are as below:

State	June, 2007	July, 2007
Andhra Pradesh	1	–
Jharkhand	2	–
Chhattisgarh	5	25

No policy which could result in killing of innocents has been formulated. Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various issues related to naxalite violence in a State lies in the domain of the concerned State Government. However, the Central Government is supplementing the efforts and resources of the State Governments through a variety of measures, including deployment of Central Para Military Forces which work under the command of the State Governments concerned, strengthening of the local Police and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, provision of financial assistance through the Scheme of Security Related Expenditure, sharing of Intelligence and bringing about inter-State coordination.

Shifting fencing on extreme border

1752. SHRJ T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to shift fencing on extreme border in Jammu and Kashmir in the near future so that farmers can cultivate their land freely; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The Government have decided to shift a stretch of 38.015 km. of fence closer to the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir.

Punjab continuing as a disturbed State

1753. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab still continues to be declared a disturbed State;

(b) since when this declaration has been in force; and

(c) what are the reasons for continuing with this declaration when Punjab is totally peaceful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKSH JAISWAL): (a), As on date, there are no disturbed areas notified in the State of Punjab.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.